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FANTASTIC GARDENS
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LIST OF GESNERIADS

Other plants in the African Violet Family

CULTURE

In general, the culture of all gesneriads is similar. They prefer a loose sandy soil with plenty of half rotted leaf mold and fibrous peat, sterile and free of nematodes (root knot). Also most gesneriads will develop water spots on the foliage from overhead watering when the temperature is high. The rules for fertilizing African Violets hold true for these other relatives, liquid fertilizer applied about every two weeks is sufficient. The bulbous types, Achimenes, Naegelias, Kohlerias, etc., take a rest after their blooming period is over, and water should be applied only often enough to keep the bulbs from shrinking when they are dormant. The same light exposure that you have found best for flowering African Violets will be just right for most other gesneriads.

ACHIMENES

Small plants (4" to 6" high, branched in most varieties) available June 1 to Aug 15

BLUE FLOWERS:	Each
Andersoni - dark blue flowers, lighter in throat	\$.50
Longiflora - blue flowers	.25
Robustus - purplish blue	.25
Mexicana - dark blue, basket type plant	.25
Periwinkle blue - clear blue flowers; leaves small, dark green, purple underneath; hanging basket plant	.25
RED FLOWERS:	
Master Ingram - best true red	.50
Vivid - crimson flowers, hanging basket plant	.50
Carmine	.25

PURPLE FLOWERS

Venusta - rich, reddish purple flowers, semi-double, very floriferous	.35
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The growth up to date has been very slow and uncertain on the following varieties, due to their being new stock and possibly late emerging varieties.
Available later at \$.50 each.

Mexican Sky Blue	Purity
Mexican Blue	Puchella
Mexican Dwarf	Purple King
Mexican White Purple Eye	Salmon Cerise Victory
Longiflora Major	Storm Cloud
Little Beauty	Madam Georges
Crimson Glory	Mixed hybrids from India

	Plants
GESNERIA macrantha - velvety, emerald green leaves; long, cardinal red tubular flowers	\$1.00
Gesneria (Kohleria) lindeni - nicely marked leaves, flowers blue and white	.75
KOHLERIA seemanii(?) - leaves emerald green overlaid with a beautiful pattern of chocolate brown, flowers clear pink	1.00
Kohleria sp. - chocolate colored leaves, red flowers	.35
COLUMNEA gloriosa - trailing stems to five feet long; small, hairy brownish leaves; large tubular scarlet flowers, beautifully flared; very choice and rare	1.50
Columnnea schiediana - herbaceous climber; strong grower; 4" pointed leaves; flowers 2" long, scarlet, handsome.	1.50
TRICHOSPORUM lobbians - trailing plant; hard, waxy green leaves; orange-red flowers on tips of branches	.75 to 1.50
Trichasporum pulchra - trailing plant; leaves rounded, dark green, flowers scarlet on tips of branches.	1.00

NAEGELIA - Besides having a bright display of many nodding bells in yellow, orange or red, these plants have some of the most beautiful leaves imaginable. Plants usually available from August to December 1st. Bulbs available most of the year.

	Bulbs	Plants ea.
Naegelia zebrina - leaves beautifully mottled; flowers orange-yellow spotted with red	3 for \$1.00	.50 to \$2.00
Naegelia cinnebarina - leaves like red velvet; flowers red	3 for \$1.50	.75 to \$2.00
Naegelia Rose Queen - leaves mottled; flowers clear pink with white throat	\$1.00 ea	\$1.00

KLUGIA zeylonica weedy plant but very strange in habit of growth and flower; flowers blue		Plants .75
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Streptocarpus nobilis (?) - rosettes of long strap-shaped leaves; light blue tubular flowers on long stems, bloom continuously		.50
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EPISCIA - very tender tropical trailing plants, all of which have beautiful foliage and mostly with scarlet flowers.

Episcia coccinea - Brownish, hairy leaves with silvery veins; scarlet flowers. The most popular.	\$1.00
Episcia cupreata - Hairy copper-colored leaves; scarlet flowers	\$1.00
Episcia cupreata var Silver Sheen Improved - leaves bright silver with darker veins and margin; scarlet flowers	\$2.00
Episcia splendens - smooth light green and silver leaves; scarlet flowers, free flowering	\$1.00
Episcia chontalensis - dark green, hairy leaves; large fringed lilac flowers	\$1.50

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As this group of plants are all ultra-tropical in requirements, we do not ship plants between September 15th and May 15th.

Names: We do not guarantee these names, as they are in many cases newly introduced varieties, but we feel that they are reasonably correct.

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